

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2018-283-E - ORDER NO. 2018-741  
NOVEMBER 20, 2018

IN RE: Joint Petition of Berkeley Electric	)	ORDER GRANTING
Cooperative, Incorporated; Coastal Electric	)	JOINT PETITION FOR
Cooperative, Incorporated; Edisto Electric	)	ASSIGNMENT AND
Cooperative, Incorporated; and South	)	REASSIGNMENT OF
Carolina Electric & Gas Company for the	)	TERRITORY AND
Assignment and Reassignment of Territory	)	LIMITATION OF
in Charleston and Dorchester Counties and	)	CORRIDOR RIGHTS
Approval of Agreements to Limit Corridor	)	
Rights	)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the Joint Petition of Berkeley Electric Cooperative, Inc. (“Berkeley Electric”), Coastal Electric Cooperative, Inc., Edisto Electric Cooperative, Inc., and South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (“SCE&G”) (each individually, a “Petitioner” and jointly, “Petitioners”) for the assignment and reassignment of certain territory in Charleston and Dorchester Counties, and for approval of agreements to eliminate the “corridor rights” of the Petitioners in specified areas of Charleston and Dorchester Counties, pursuant to the Territorial Assignment Act, S.C. Code Ann. §§ 58-27-610 to - 690 (2015). Specifically, this proceeding arises in part under the Commission’s authority in S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-640 to assign territory and S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-650 to reassign the service area of one electric supplier to another. Further, under S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-620(8), the Commission may approve agreements between electric suppliers concerning corridor rights. Section 58-27-640, inter alia, directs the

Commission to assign electric territories by adequately defined boundaries, in accordance with the public convenience and necessity. Section 58-27-650 states “[the] Public Service Commission, upon agreement of the affected electric suppliers, is authorized to reassign to one electric supplier any area or portion thereof theretofore assigned to another . . . .” S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-620(8) (2015) provides that “the commission shall have the authority to approve agreements between electric suppliers concerning corridor rights.”

In conformity with this authority, Petitioners request the Commission to (A) assign and reassign certain territory in Charleston County between Berkeley Electric and SCE&G (B) eliminate the corridor rights of SCE&G and Berkeley Electric in Charleston County in territory assigned to the other, (C) assign and reassign certain territory in Dorchester County among Petitioners, and (D) eliminate the corridor rights of each Petitioner in Dorchester County in territory assigned to another of the Petitioners. The Joint Petition asserts that no facilities or territories of any other electric suppliers would be affected by the proposed changes and that the proposed assignment and reassignment of territories among the Petitioners will not cause any customers to change their service. The Joint Petitioners state that the assignment and reassignment of territory and the abandonment of corridor rights will avoid the wasteful duplication of utility facilities and allow each of the Petitioners to operate its distribution system safely.

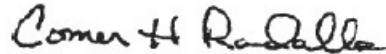
On October 30, 2018, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) filed a letter with the Commission stating that it has no objection to Petitioners’ request for the assignment and reassignment of certain territory in Charleston and Dorchester Counties, nor any objection to the agreement to abandon the corridor rights in specified

areas of Charleston and Dorchester Counties. No protests or petitions to intervene were received in this matter, after the publishing of a Notice of Filing in newspapers of general circulation. Consequently, the Commission approves the proposed assignment and reassignment of territory and the limitation on corridor rights as proposed in the Joint Petition.

For the foregoing reasons, the assignment and reassignment of certain territory in Charleston and Dorchester Counties is granted as filed, as is the agreed upon limitation of corridor rights in specified areas of Charleston and Dorchester Counties. The parties shall file with the ORS amended territorial assignment maps for Charleston and Dorchester Counties reflecting the modifications requested in the Joint Petition and now approved by this Commission.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



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Comer H. "Randy" Randall, Chairman

ATTEST:



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Jocelyn Boyd, Chief Clerk/Administrator